

Executive Committee, State EMS Advisory Board
Thursday, February 21, 2008
Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach
3:00 PM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Karen Wagner, Chair	Morris Reece, Chair, TSOMC	Gary R. Brown	Virginia Wesleyan student
Gary Dalton, Chair, FL&P Committee	James Dudley, MD, Chair, Medical Direction Committee	Scott Winston	
Jennie Collins, Second Vice Chair and Chair, Reg. & Compliance			
Randy Abernathy, First Vice Chair, Chair, Professional Development Committee			

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Opening	Karen Wagner welcomed everyone to the meeting and those in attendance were requested to complete a sign-in sheet as well as introduce themselves.	
Review of Motions and Actions: February 8, 2008 State EMS Advisory Board meeting	<p>The following motions and actions of the state EMS Advisory Board were reviewed and discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion to accredit Eastern Shore 9-1-1 center as a PSAP. 2. Ad hoc committee formed to review and research the effectiveness of the current CISM program and make recommendations back to the State EMS Advisory Board on Friday, August 15, 2008. The Chair reported that Dr. Bryan Bledsoe, MD has offered to confer with the CISM Committee by conference call, if requested. 3. Opinions from Mr. Matt Cobb, Esq.. Asst. Attorney General. 	

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	<p>A. Are civilians that stop at the scene of an incident and suffer a potentially contagious exposure to a communicable disease covered under the law?</p> <p>B. The status of the Ryan White Act needs to be determined.</p> <p>4. Discussion of Free Standing Emergency Departments held in the Medical Direction Committee.</p> <p>5. Certified Professional Midwives (CPM)</p> <p>6. Litigation against Ford Motor Company. Class action suit filed by Page, Wirtz, and Wolfberg.</p> <p>7. Resolution recognizing Vince Whitmore.</p>	
Advisory Board Members Rotating off the EMS Advisory Board; Officers/Committee Chairs for 2008/2009.	<p>The Committee discussed the list of individuals that will be rotating off the EMS Advisory Board in July 2008.</p> <p>A potential slate of officers for 2008/2009 was discussed and will be forwarded to the Nomination Committee of the state EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>Chair appointments for the standing committees of the state EMS Advisory Board were also discussed.</p>	
State Medical Director	<p>The Committee discussed the status of the State Medical Director position. The recruitment for this position has been delayed because of the hiring freeze. OEMS has re-submitted justification to hire this position and is awaiting approval from the Office of Planning and Budget and the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.</p>	
2008 EMS Legislation – Proposed Actions	<p>HB 922 is awaiting signature by the Governor. If signed into law, this bill will increase \$4 for Life by .25 cents. The additional revenue will be used for the certification and recertification of EMS personnel. It was the original intent of HJ 743 (Incentives for the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Fire and EMS Personnel) for this money to be used for ALS training based on criteria developed by the state EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>HB 479 and SB 344 requires the Board of Health to develop and maintain as a component of the Emergency Medical Services Plan a statewide prehospital and</p>	

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	interhospital Stroke Triage Plan designed to promote rapid access for stroke patients to appropriate, organized stroke care. The Plan must include formal regional stroke triage plans, which shall be reviewed triennially.	
Process Action Team (PAT) for Regional EMS Council Study	The committee expressed the need to distribute a copy of the Code of Ethics developed for use by the state EMS Advisory Board to each member of the PAT. There was discussion and concern expressed about personal and/or hidden agendas, mistrust, etc.	OEMS will provide a copy of the Code of Ethics to each member of the PAT.
Topics to be discussed with Dr. Karen Remley, State Health Commissioner	<p>The following topics for discussion were identified by the committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Need for a full time State EMS Medical Director 2) Physical location of the Office of EMS 3) Difficulty in obtaining approval for travel of OEMS staff to educational conferences, seminars and symposiums. 4) Staff attrition rate at OEMS. A complete review of the compensation and classification of positions is needed. Internal and external parity of salaries needs to be examined. 5) Board of Pharmacy (BoP) Regulations. Were regulations revised by the BoP to address medication exchange and storage issues related to EMS operations? 6) Provide Dr. Remley with a set of dates for a meeting with the Exec. Committee. 7) Budget Reductions: Trauma Fund, interest from non-reverting funds, and cash balance carry over from RSAF. 8) VDH Legislative Agenda. EMS issues need to receive greater attention. 	<p>OEMS requested to provide Ms. Jennie Collins with workforce statistics.</p> <p>OEMS will contact BoP to determine the status of new regulations.</p> <p>Karen Wagner will submit a list of dates to the Commissioner for a meeting with the Exec. Committee.</p>
Proposed Budget Reductions	<p>In FY07 the General Fund appropriation for Trauma Centers was eliminated. During FY08 the following cost saving measures have been proposed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A) Further reduction (\$2.3M) of the Trauma Fund B) Reallocate cash balances at year end. This year OEMS will distribute Return to Locality (RTL) funds in March instead of waiting until the end of the FY. This measure will reduce the amount of money that is carried from one fiscal year to another. 	

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	C) Interest for interest bearing accounts such as the Trauma Fund and RSAF are subject to reallocation.	
Public Comment Period	There were no public comments.	
Unfinished Business	There was no unfinished business.	
New Business	There was no new business.	
Adjournment	The meeting is adjourned at 5:45 PM. No future meeting date was set.	